

WESTERN UNION.

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BOGS.

Since our last the buyers have all freely entered the market at \$2 75 to \$3 00 dividing on 200 lbs at which figures considerable sales have been made and in some cases small premiums above these prices, have been paid for extra lots.

The number of cattle packed this season at this point will fall considerably short of last year's cuttings, but the quality and weight, will greatly exceed that of last year.

The Tea Party.—Owing to Mr. Hawkins' lecture, and the inclemency of the night, the Tea Party, on Thursday Evening, had not a very full attendance. The receipts were ninety-four dollars.

DELIRIUM TREMENS.—Mr. Hawkins stated in his lecture on Friday evening, that pure whiskey or brandy drunk in any quantity never gives any one delirium tremens.

The stock market has shown a more considerable degree of buoyancy this week—sales are larger, and prices more generally in advance.

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The Columbia Statesman comes out in a new dress—entire new type.

HANNIBAL AND ST. JOSEPH RAILROAD.—We have been saving the address of "Many citizens of Upper Missouri," with the intention of condensing it; but find on a more careful reading, that it won't well bear condensing.

LOUISA WILLIAMS.—The authoress of the story on our first page, is one of our own citizens. The editor of the Oquawka Spectator says that it added two hundred to his subscription list.

THANKSGIVING.—Next Thursday week (12th December), the day appointed by Gov. King, as a day of "prayer and thanksgiving to Almighty God, for his favor extended to us nationally and individually."

TRI-WEEKLY AT BOONEVILLE.—The Booneville Observer comes to us this week, with an increased quantity of reading matter in it, and a prospectus for a Tri-weekly. This looks like prosperity.

DEATH OF JOHN F. BRYANT.—This young gentleman was very well known in Monroe county. He died in San Francisco, California recently.

NEW NOVEL.—We have received a copy of "Cato," a new novel, by G. G. Foster, editor of the New York Day Book.

Political Realities, and Effects of Legislation.

We take the following article from a commercial paper of long standing, and a reliable source called "The Dry Goods Reporter and Commercial Glance," of the 9th of this month.

We ask for the article an attentive perusal, and beg our readers not to be deterred, from its length, and to consider attentively, the bearing of each proposition.

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE WESTERN UNION.

Sir:—I have just read the speech of Col. Benton. I thought at the time that I would give him jesse for his impudence, in offering to sell out the Democratic party to the Whigs.

But thinking of it, I have concluded to let him pass for the present. It is no great joke after all; for we deserve just such a lambing.

We used to get very mad when the Whigs called him our master—dictator, a demagogue, old Humbug, and said when he took snuff we sneezed, &c.—we even gloried in the name of "Old Bullion."

and said we were willing to wear the collar.—In fact it is too true, that we did belong to him; and notwithstanding we did not like it when he ordered that we should go against Banks, and against \$5 bills, yet we thought there was something in it which we did not exactly understand—and went for it.

The first thing we did against Banks was to pass the law making it indictable "to pass or offer to pass a \$5 bill." We swallowed it, because he wrote it, but said very little about it.

That trick liked to have ruined the party, but because your party would not make the motion to repeal that law, we let it stand, and it is yet the law. But now we have left him, no wonder he thinks he could sell us, as he used to drive us, but he is done driving or dictating to us.

We will sell him to the Abolitionists for a very low price, but without recourse, except that we will sell subject to the Fugitive Slave Act—and the Whigs may catch him and keep him if they can.

We will only warrant him "to cut in the eye" any party that gets him.

AN ANTIE.

TO THE PUBLIC.

Some person with the view to do me injury, has circulated a report, that I secured my election to the office of City Marshal at the late election by means of whiskey, and that to effect this end I had money on deposit in the various groceries in the city to be expended in treating the voters.

I deem it but right in justice to myself, to declare such report false in toto, and I challenge any man to prove up the fact. If any french gentlemen will prove it, I pledge myself to present him with a can of oysters.

JOSEPH DIDDING.

UNION MEETINGS.—A great and enthusiastic Union Meeting was held at Cincinnati, on the 14th. The Cincinnati Commercial, of which the editors were kind enough to send us a daily, contains a full report.

Mayor Butler, of Nashville, Tennessee, was introduced by the Hon. N. C. Head, who, in a few brief and fervent remarks, pledged the integrity and patriotism of his own State, and that they will heed the voice of the immortal Jackson, that "the Union must and shall be preserved," and due obedience given to existing laws. The speaker was loudly cheered.

The meeting resolved that "the Union must and shall be preserved," and that "love and devotion to it rise above all party considerations."

Another great Union meeting was held at Dayton, Ohio, recently, and still another at Nashville, on the 23d. Good news!

MISSOURI.

The Columbia Statesman, advocates the repeal, by the next Legislature, of the Curator law of last session, requiring the selection of Curators from various parts of the State.

The editor says that since this "law took effect, it has been difficult, and often impossible, to get together a sufficient number of curators to do business."

He says that the last meeting advertised, was a failure, not a single member residing out of Boone county, being present.

We take the following extract from his article:—According to the existing law the number of Curators is eighteen, chosen in the following manner, to-wit: One from each judicial circuit and four from the county of Boone.

At the semi-annual meetings, eleven constitute a quorum to do business; at the special meetings, seven. Not a wheel therefore can be turned without the attendance of from three to seven of the distant members.

If these fail, as they often do, the term lapses and nothing is done; the business of the institution, no difference how important it may be, goes untransacted.

Retain, if you please, Curators from various sections of the State. Choose one in every county if you see proper, but in any contingency elect a quorum to do business in the vicinity of the institution.

Second, for the first and only instance, as far as we know, in the history of public institutions of learning the Curators are paid for their services, and paid out of the proceeds of the Seminary fund.

Paid \$2 a day and six cents a mile for every mile necessarily travelled in attending upon the meetings of the Board. Such a thing was never heard of before.

For ten years previous to the enactment of the present law, the Board regularly met and discharged with fidelity the duties required of them, and that without pecuniary reward or the hope of reward.

Their legislation, though valuable to the institution, cost nothing. Not a cent was drawn from the State treasury nor the Seminary fund to pay them.

But under the present system what is the fact? The pay dispensation was ushered in on the first of April, 1849. From that period to the present time—about one year and seven months—there have been six meetings of the Board, costing the Seminary fund twelve hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-eight cents!

laid out and expended for services which were previously rendered by members of the Board without charge!!

The friends of the University will be gratified to learn that it is now in a flourishing condition. The number of students already in attendance is 104, more than at any former session.

Three hundred and fifty returned Californians arrived at New York, on the 23d.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.—As he deserves, Mr. L. Block does a good business. The American Hotel in St. Louis is opened—and Jo. Dudding wants to buy negroes. Ned. Dunning is doing a tremendous land-office business, and advertises, but he ought to bring in a big advertisement.

ENROLLING CLERK.—SAMUEL R. RAYMOND, Esq., of this city, late editor of the Hannibal Journal, will be a candidate for Enrolling Clerk of the House of Representatives, at the next session of the Legislature.